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SUMMARY: FOLKETING DEBATE ON FOREIGN POLICY PERMITTED EACH OF ITS TEN PARTIES AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ITS PIECE, WITH CONSIDERABLE DIFFERENCE OF VIEW APPARENT EVEN WITHIN PARTIES. IN END, HOWEVER, PARLIAMENT VOTED BY LARGE MAJORITY TO CONTINUE MAIN LINES OF LONG-STANDING DANISH POLICY, EMPHASIZING TIES WITH EC, NATO AND OTHER NORDICS. END SUMMARY.

1. PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE ON FOREIGN POLICY MARCH 21 FLOWED LOGICALLY FROM FOREIGN MINISTER GULDBERG'S KEY-NOTE ADDRESS EXPLAINING GOVERNMENT VIEWS (REFTEL). IMPORTANT ROLE IN ENSUING DISCUSSION WAS PLAYED BY FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER, K.B. ANDERSEN, NOW FOREIGN POLICY SPOKESMAN FOR SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY. EARLY IN PROCEEDINGS ANDERSEN INTRODUCED SENSE OF PARLIAMENT RESOLUTION AROUND WHICH MOST OF DISCUSSION THEN REVOLVED. TEXT FOLLOWS:

2. QUOTE. DENMARK CONTINUES TO DESIRE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE EFFORTS FOR PEACE AND RELAXATION BOTH WITHIN AND OUTSIDE OF EUROPE. DENMARK WILL CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EXPANSION OF FOREIGN POLICY COOPERATION AMONG EC COUNTRIES WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE COPENHAGEN REPORT, AS A POINT OF DEPARTURE FOR PRACTICAL COOPERATION AMONG THE NINE. DENMARK WILL CONTINUE ITS NATURAL CONTACT WITH THE OTHER NORDIC COUNTRIES, AS EXPRESSED, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THROUGH THE NORDIC COUNCIL. DENMARK DOES NOT REGARD THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE AS AN AIM IN ITSELF, BUT EQUALLY CONSIDERS COOPERATION WITHIN THE ALLIANCE AS THE REALISTIC FOUNDATION FOR POLICY OF SECURITY AND DETENTE. DENMARK WILL CONTINUE AND EXPAND ITS COOPERATION WITH THE THIRD WORLD IN ORDER TO CONTRIBUTE TO A BETTER INTERNATIONAL BALANCE. END QUOTE.

3. GERT PETERSEN, LEADER OF MARXIST SOCIALIST PEOPLES PARTY, (SF) THEN INTRODUCED AMENDMENT STRIKING FAVORABLE REFERENCES TO NATO AND EC AND STATING THAT "LIQUIDATION OF DANISH MILITARY SERVICE IS A PARTICULAR MEANS TOWARD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE ACCELERATION OF GENERAL DISARMAMENT IN EUROPE AND WILL BE A VALUABLE DANISH CONTRIBUTION TOWARD THE NEGOTIATIONS GOING ON IN GENEVA AND VIENNA."

4. ANDERSEN'S RESOLUTION WAS EVENTUALLY ADOPTED BY VERY SUBSTANTIAL MAJORITY (102-25, WITH NINE ABSTENTIONS). INTERVENING DEBATE PROVIDED OPPORTUNITY, HOWEVER, FOR EXPRESSION OF WIDE VARIETY OF VIEWS FROM ALL TEN PARTIES

REPRESENTED. ALL SF AND COMMUNIST MEMBERS WERE NATURALLY AGAINST BOTH NATO AND EC, WHILE INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF RADICAL LIBERAL AND JUSTICE PARTIES ALSO VOTED AGAINST ANDERSEN'S RESOLUTION. PROGRESS PARTY LEADER MOGENS GLISTRUP VOTED AGAINST, BUT MAJORITY OF HIS PARTY VOTED FOR RESOLUTION.

5. KEY MFA OFFICIAL (DYVIG) TOLD DCM THEY WERE DELIGHTED WITH OUTCOME AND PARTICULARLY WITH POSITIVE TONE OF MOST COMMENTS ABOUT RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. THEY WERE WELL AWARE THAT FOLETING DEBATE ASSUMED SPECIAL IMPORTANCE FOLLOWING RECENT SHARPENDING IN DIALOGUE BETWEEN U.S. AND THE NINE. FACT THAT A LARGE MAJORITY SUBSCRIBED TO A DANISH POLICY BASED ON CONTINUING MEMBERSHIP IN NATO AND THE EC AND ON CLOSE TIES TO THE U.S. WAS A WELCOME RE-AFFIRMATION OF THE CONSTANCY OF THIS POLICY UNDER THE NEW GOVERNMENT.

6. MOST NEWSPAPERS INTERPRET RESULTS AS FURTHER INDICATION OF DANISH WISH TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE ITS NATO AND EC TIES.

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